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Nuclear Strike Risk

EXCERPT:

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Soviet Microwaves-We broke the story on May 10, 1972 that the Soviet Union was beaming microwaves into the U.S. embassy in Moscow. This has now developed into a major health controversy.

We have been asked how the microwaves pick up conversation. Our sources explain that a screen of microwaves is beamed into a room. When the microwaves strike metal, they bounce back. The Soviet monitors register any microwave disturbances caused by conversation.

These disturbances can be "decoded," thus revealing what was said inside the room. Because the Soviet monitoring equipment isn't as sensitive as American equipment, more powerful microwaves are used. This has caused the health hazard.